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I feel that the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) presented the FCC with a very well thought out petition. This petition is defiantly in prospective with the growth of Amateur Radio for the next 10 to 15 years. I believe the elimination of Morse code testing will bring down the barriers that would keep qualified people from pursuing an Amateur Radio license. Amateur Radio is not just a rewarding and exciting hobby, but a very important service to the community in times of an emergency when normal communications are inoperable or overloaded.

The NCVEC petition also has a provision to minimize the paper work and cost incurred by the FCC with the upgrades taking effect immediately, but not to reissue new licenses until the time the license is due to be renewed. I also see a clear path of advancement from one class of license to the next, whereby additional privileges would be earned by advancing to the next class of license.

The NCVEC petition recommends a 20 question written examination for the Entry Level class license. As a Volunteer Examiner with W5YI, I would suggest increasing the number of examination questions from 20 to 25.

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